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By: **Senator Middleton**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Drivers' Education - Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in**  
3 **Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in  
5 Maryland; providing for the composition, organization, staffing, and duties of  
6 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make a certain report on or before a  
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
8 the Task Force on Driver's Education Programs in Maryland.

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, Driving is a life experience fundamental in today's society and  
11 common to most of the State's youth; and

12 WHEREAS, Driver's education programs are no longer provided in Maryland  
13 public schools; and

14 WHEREAS, Increasing accidents and deaths are occurring among our student  
15 population; and

16 WHEREAS, Instructional technologies including simulation techniques have  
17 evolved in recent years to the point of financial viability and realism; now, therefore,

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (1) THERE IS A TASK FORCE ON DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN  
21 MARYLAND.

22 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING 18  
23 MEMBERS:

24 (I) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED  
25 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

26 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE SENATE, APPOINTED BY THE  
27 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

- 1 (III) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;
- 2 (IV) TWO LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES,  
3 APPOINTED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION, OF WHICH:
- 4 1. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM A CHARTER COUNTY; AND
- 5 2. ONE MEMBER SHALL BE FROM A COMMISSION COUNTY;
- 6 (V) ONE MEMBER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;
- 7 (VI) ONE MEMBER FROM THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
8 SERVICES BOARD;
- 9 (VII) THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, OR THE  
10 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;
- 11 (VIII) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE  
12 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;
- 13 (IX) ONE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, APPOINTED BY THE  
14 PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;
- 15 (X) TWO SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, APPOINTED BY THE  
16 MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS;
- 17 (XI) TWO MEMBERS FROM THE MARYLAND PROFESSIONAL DRIVER  
18 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION; AND
- 19 (XII) ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE PARENT TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.
- 20 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK  
21 FORCE.
- 22 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE  
23 STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.
- 24 (5) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION.
- 25 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:
- 26 (I) EXAMINE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND  
27 CRITERIA CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY PRIVATE DRIVERS' SCHOOLS LICENSED IN THE  
28 STATE;
- 29 (II) EXAMINE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS AND  
30 CRITERIA CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY OTHER STATES;
- 31 (III) EVALUATE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE PRIVATE DRIVER  
32 EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE;

1 (IV) EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND MERITS OF RETURNING  
2 DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING:

- 3 1. THE LEVEL OF STATE OVERSIGHT REQUIRED; AND  
4 2. THE COSTS AND DRAWBACKS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS;  
5 AND

6 (V) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ITS EVALUATIONS AND  
7 FINDINGS.

8 (7) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1999, THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT  
9 ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUBJECT TO §  
10 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

11 (8) THIS ACT SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER APRIL 1,  
12 2000.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 1999.